

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 1st December 2023.

Academy News

Children in Need Update

I would like to say a massive thank you to you all now that I can reveal the final total. We raised a whopping £1,620.45 - the most that we have ever raised! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated and a special thank you to those families who took part in the sponsored 'Bearpees' challenge. Your contributions were amazing.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who provided a donation in return for the non-uniform day today. We will send out more details next week.

Please remember that children cannot be released without an adult as this takes place during the school day. The fayre will open at 2pm, please see below, where to pick your child up.

If your child is unable to attend the fayre, we will keep them until the end of the day, as in previous years.

- Nursery will close at 11.30am on this day.
- EYFS and KS1 will close at 1.40pm.
- KS2 will close at 1.45pm.
- Early Years, KS1 and Year 3 will release from classes.
- Year 4 will release from the dining room exit.
- Year 5 and 6 will leave via the porch.

Community

Last week was the yearly OAT conference that all the academy leads attend. It is a training event and a way to share good practice. We were asked to share some of the things that we do as part of the Gorleston community. We are always looking for more ways to engage. We want the children to feel a sense of citizenship and responsibility towards the place that they live. If you have any community events that you think would be suitable for primary aged children, please contact the office.

Support

This time of year often heightens financial worries. If you are struggling, please reach out. We will be able to offer you support. We have links to many agencies who can help, and all support is completely confidential. Sometimes it is hard to make that first call, but we can signpost you to help with food, gas and electricity, debt, housing and clothing, amongst other things.

If you would like to have a confidential chat, please contact me via the office (you do not need to say why) or see me on the door to make an appointment or speak to Mrs Milham.

Sounds for Christmas at the Drill Hall

I am really looking forward to going to watch the KS1 choir sing at the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. I have heard them rehearsing their songs and I have to say (although I may be biased) that they are in fine voice, and I am sure they are going to represent Herman beautifully.

Football Match against Peterhouse

Last night our Under 11s team played against Peterhouse. It was an exciting match as we are currently top of the league, and they are second. The match ended 2-2 and the boys played really well. Well done everyone!

Diary Dates

6th December Christmas Fayre
11th December Early Years Nativity
12th December Pantomime
13th December KS1 Nativity
15th December Christmas at the Church
19th December Christmas Dinner/jumper/party day
20th December Last Day of Term

SEND

If you think your child may have additional needs, please discuss your concerns with your child's teacher and we may then arrange an appointment for you to speak with our SENDCO, Mrs Upton. Our SEND Policy is available on the website.

The Ann Craft Trust has a range of resources to support children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/support-for-parents-and-carers-keeping-children-and-young-people-safe-online/>

This link supports parents of children with additional needs in keeping them safe online.

Safeguarding

Every member of teaching and non-teaching staff has up to date Safeguarding Training. Five members of staff have enhanced training to deal with any concerns that are raised.

The Designated Safeguarding Officers at Ormiston Herman Academy are:

Kristy Redhead – Principal and Lead DSL

Mark Thorpe – Vice Principal and DSL

Veronica Longman – Assistant Principal and DSL

Catriona Smith – Assistant Principal and DSL

Paula Milham – Family Liaison Officer and DSL

Janet Upton – Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator and DSL

If you have concerns about the wellbeing of a child, you should call the Norfolk CADS number (0344 800 8020) to report what your concerns are.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend, you must ring the Academy every day that they are off.

Stars of the Week

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Olivia
- Explorers: Daisie-Rue
- Searchers: Georgina
- Seekers: Bryanie

- Pioneers: Aneya
- Investigators: Memphis-Rose
- Wayfarers: Victoria
- Navigators: Hope
- Creators: Harleen
- Pathfinders: Gracie
- Voyagers: Kevwe
- Venturers: Reece
- Crusaders: Niloksha
- Discoverers: Darcy-Jade

Principal's Award

Each week, teachers have the opportunity to select a pupil for the Principal's Award for continually being an exceptional pupil and setting a good example to their peers.

This week's Principal's awards go to: Lily (Y1), Amelia (Y4), Piper (Y5).

Best Dressed Class

Each week, the Senior Leadership Team will select the class that have dressed the smartest during the week. This class will be rewarded with an extra five minutes on Monday's playtime and will get to sit on the bench during assembly.

As today is a non uniform day, this will continue next week.

Marbles

Each week, the children receive marbles for good work and choices. The marbles are put into colour pots in the classroom and at the end of each week, they are collected together and the colour / team with the most marbles wins. At the end of term the colour / team that has won the most times, win a small reward.

This will continue next week.

Attendance

The Autumn Term Attendance Prize will be 2 Electronic Tablets. There will be one for EYFS / KS1 and one for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Autumn Term. All children whose attendance is 98% or above will have the chance to win.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: SEEKERS

Key Stage 2: NAVIGATORS

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date Attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 93.83% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning

opportunities.

Community News

Alfie's Fundraiser

Alfie from Year 5 is aiming to raise £2,024 by Children in Need Day 2024 by travelling all over the London Underground! More details in the link below:

[Fundraiser by Rianne Shallcross : ALFIE TRAVELS THE TUBES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED ★
\(gofundme.com\)](#)

Lisa's Fundraiser

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that Lisa has now completed her challenge and has had her hair cut and donated to the Little Princess Trust. Huge congratulations Lisa!

[Tia's Treasures is fundraising for Little Princess Trust \(justgiving.com\)](#)